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WHOLE NUMBER 1174

W. E. WILLIAMS
MARVIN HILL



NO: NO CANDIDATES

But just two boys that have made good. These boys, one a former school teacher and the other a contractor, of this county have been connected with the Oil and Gas business of Johnson and Lawrence counties for over ten years and have been in charge of the largest oil producing companies of the State for quite a while. W. E. Williams as Superintendent and Marvin Hill as assistant. These boys started from the bottom and gradually but steadily advanced until now they hold the highest position of the field operation and their actual experience makes them efficient men in their capacity.

Their company has 792 producing oil wells and 41 gas wells in Johnson and Lawrence counties. They have two big Compressor Stations injecting gas and air into the oil producing sands which is proving very successful in producing extra oil. Although this field has been producing since 1918, the production is even better now than in former years, with no additional drilling. Swiss Oil Corporation, with its subsidiaries—Ashland Refining Company, Tri-State Refining Company and Ashland Transportation Company—makes it one of the largest companies of the State and we should be proud that we have a local company and local men to operate within our state. It behooves each and every one of us to get behind and boost our home products.

While these boys have been gone for some time and their work calls them to different parts of the states, they never seem to forget old Morgan county and its people. Neither have they forgotten how to cast a Democratic vote.

Success to you both and your company and hoping some day in the future you will be able to elicit some producing company this way and use your rich experience to develop the natural resources of your home county. It need not be said but you are always welcome guests to our town.

METHODIST CHURCH

The regular preaching services will be held in the Methodist church, Sunday morning and evening. Let us keep the "revival fires" burning by attending Sunday school and church every Sunday as well as prayer meeting during the week.

Beginning this Wednesday, March 29, we will conduct a Mission study course each Wednesday evening until we have completed the book: "Christ and the Coming Kingdom." We will discuss worldwide problems in their relation to Christ's Kingdom. Everyone is invited.

I. J. SCUDDER, Pastor

The Courier goes to Grade A houses.

WEST LIBERTY SCHOOL NOTES

Dolly Blevins has returned to the 4th and 5th grade room after a week's absence.

On Sunday, March 26th, Miss Keeton's room had 21 pupils in the various Sunday schools of the town, and Mrs. Mathis' room had 16. Those teachers compare each week in order to see which can have the greatest attendance present.

D. J. Curry, Superintendent of Magoffin County Public Schools, will address the members of the faculty and the pupils in the auditorium, Friday morning at 9:30. Mr. Curry is a forceful speaker and one of the most progressive superintendents of the state. Parents are urged to attend the speaking.

The local Debating Team debated the Cannel City team in the court house Wednesday night at 7:00 P. M. The local team upheld the affirmative side of the question which is being debated by the various high schools of Kentucky. The decision was unanimous in favor of the local team. Our team has lost only one decision during the year.

Prof. Bernard E. Whit and the members of the debating team were in Mt. Sterling Monday, attending the District Debating Tournament.

Baseball practice has begun. The prospects for a winning team are encouraging. We have scheduled 2 games with Hazel Green Academy. The first game is to be played on the local diamond, Monday, April 3, at 2:30. A return game at Hazel Green, April 15.

The 7th grade is sorry to lose Darrel Rose and Walter Scott Cox from their room. They have been present since the 2nd semester began.

The ladies of the various churches of Salersville will present a play entitled, "The Old Family Album," Thursday night, March 30, at 7:00 P. M. in the high school auditorium. Admission 10 and 15c. 40 percent of the proceeds will be given to the Parent Teacher Association.

Byron May, who had been absent from school one week on account of illness, has resumed his work in the high school department.

The pupils of the grades and the students of the high school were entertained in chapel Friday morning by a special music program prepared by Mr. Walter Sparks and Miss Eulah Mae Spencer.

Artie Patrick and Miss Opal Dawson, sophomores in the high school, were absent from school Monday.

EATING US ALIVE

The publisher of the Chicago Tribune recently made an address over the radio carrying the vivid title of "Tax Eaters, Tax Eating and Tax Eaten."

The first, of course, consists of government officials, the second of government and its activities—and the third, of the poor taxpayers. The suggestion is not so far-fetched as it may seem. We're reaching a point where the tax eaters are about to swallow everything we've got.

Keep that title in mind when you meditate upon government. It describes a situation which you, as a voter and a taxpayer, have allowed to develop—and which you must do your part in putting an end to, unless you and all your possessions are to be entirely digested by the bureaucracy.—Winchester Sun.

Quilting Party

Cannel City, Ky., March 21.—March 16th Mrs. D. N. Haney invited her neighbors in to spend the day and help her quilt. Quite a crowd came and all found a place to work as Mrs. Haney had three quilts framed. A bountiful dinner was served to the following: Mrs. J. C. Terrell, Mrs. S. H. Ratliff, Mrs. Ollie Haney, Mrs. Edgar Lewis, Mrs. Lufe Haney, Mrs. Rex Howard, Mrs. Jack Burton, Mrs. M. H. Ferguson, Mrs. Leburn Phipps, Mrs. Jeff Haney, Mrs. Belle Phipps, Miss Lou Gullett, Miss Goldie Haney, Mrs. Henry Morris, Miss Jewel Haney and Miss Lala Lewis. Two quilts were quilted and another almost finished when the crowd had to go home. Each one declared they had enjoyed the day very much, but no one enjoyed it more than Mrs. Haney enjoyed having them, and will be glad when they can spend another day together.

Kentucky Needs a New Deal

The United States has had a "new deal" because it has a real leader in Franklin D. Roosevelt, our new President. He came into office with all the banks of the country closed and with the Government itself threatened with collapse. He met this situation with intelligence, courage and faith and has given to the country a "new deal." This is exactly what Kentucky needs—a new deal—but before it can have a new deal the people must have a real leader. The state must rid itself of the horde of hungry politicians who have controlled and dominated the State for their own interests and to gratify their own ambitions rather than to promote the public welfare. It rests with the people themselves as to whether they will line up behind some real leader who will take them out of the morass of cheap politics to the solid ground of patriotism and devotion to the best interests of the State.

In order to have a new deal in Kentucky the next Legislature must amend election laws so that the Governor of the State and those who are necessarily elected with him must be determined in a primary election rather than in a convention. The people must choose their own leader rather than have the politicians choose him. The political machine of nine Highway Commissioners should be wrecked, the construction of roads should be in the hands of an executive engineer and highways constructed in the interest of the whole State rather than to promote the political fortunes of whomever the politician's judgment has determined to support. The invisible government which has directed and controlled the affairs of our Legislature in Frankfort for more than twenty years to promote private interests rather than the public welfare should be driven from the temple of our civilization as Jesus scourged the money-changers from the temple. Education must be put on a new basis, in which the welfare of the children for whom the taxes are paid, should be ahead and above the teachers who are employed to instruct them. It may become necessary in order to free us from the clutch of an educational junta that normal schools be limited to the training of such teachers as the State needs for its public schools. It has become, under the financial stress growing from limited revenue, a serious question whether the State is any more obligated to educate teachers than it would be to educate doctors or lawyers.

There are many other things that the State needs to have in order to secure a "new deal" with a real leader, but the primary need is to have the affairs of Kentucky conducted by legislators who cannot be controlled or influenced to vote for anything that will not promote the economical, fair and just administration of the best interests of the State.—Elizabethan News.

IN MEMORIAM

Mattie L. Oakley, beloved wife of R. M. Oakley, entered into eternal rest Wednesday afternoon at 12:15, March 22, 1933. After an illness of a long period of time this great, good life exchanged the habiliments of sorrow for well earned robes of eternal glory; the mortal put on immortality.

For three score years of earthly life she exemplified all the social graces and Christian duties; her grace and refinement were the offspring of native nobility of soul; her religion of a God-like spirit. The poor were often clothed by her charity, and no hungry one ever went from her door unfed. She bound up the wounds of broken hearts with words of sympathy and love, and gladdened their dark hours by pointing to the Star of hope and promise. Her acquaintance was extensive and her friends and admirers exactly equal to all who ever knew her or heard of her noble, unselfish life.

Besides her bereaved husband, she leaves behind a son and a daughter—Dr. W. J. Oakley of Bardonia, Kentucky, and Mrs. Fred C. Schreiber of New Britain, Connecticut. The same graces that we found in this noble woman, we find also in the children whose lives have been molded and guided by her blameless and charitable life. As Timothy of old, they have had the influence of their two grand mothers and their mother as well. The same unforgotten faith is found in them also. From childhood they have known the holy scriptures which are able to make them wise unto salvation.

While we extend to them our deepest sympathy in their dark hour of sorrow, we feel that the whole world of her acquaintance has lost a friend whose absence from earth will leave an aching void in the heart.

Such lives as Mrs. Oakley's are the best argument in the support of immortality. Such souls can never die. We know not what the abode of the departed is like, but we do know that wherever the noble, the pure in heart are, that she is there among them. What songs of happiness they sing; the splendor of God's presence; we have no conception; the robes, the harps, the stately crowns have splendor and harmonies brilliant beyond the mortal understanding, but she is there, she knows, she understands all for the glory of God reigneth where the blessed are. CONTRIBUTED

Here's Hope for Powell

In looking over reports from other counties, we are going to make a proposition if counties are to be consolidated to save money. Counties that operate the most economically should be the permanent counties and let those counties that have failed to keep out of heavy debt be joined to the successfully managed counties.

Powell county has no bonded debt.—Clay City Times.

Cland Day, of Maytown, was in town Monday.

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

I take this method of announcing my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Morgan county as will present myself as a candidate to be voted for at the August primary to be held August 5th, 1933.

I have never before offered myself as a candidate. I am sixty-seven years of age and have served for eight years as deputy sheriff, and I feel that I am qualified to administer the affairs of this office. I have been a voter for forty-six years and there has never been a general election during this time that I have not worked for and helped to elect the Democratic candidates for office. It is well known to the people who compose the Democratic party of Morgan county, that the Stacy family and relatives represent one of the largest groups. Many times before I have been urged to make the race for different positions but have given way to others and either stayed out entirely or accepted some minor position.

I never expect to be a candidate again if the Democracy of Morgan county will nominate, and the people elect me to this office, I promise to give the very best that is in me to make for Morgan county the best sheriff it has ever had.

I invite the voters who do not know me personally to examine the record, and my activities, either in office or out, and if you find anything that would disqualify me from making the right kind of sheriff, I will be glad to step down and give it to some person who is more able. W. H. STACY

FOR JAILER

I have always wished to be of service to my many friends, neighbors, and country. Now my friends have asked me to become a candidate for jailer, and after giving the matter due consideration, I have consented to make the race.

I am sixty-one years of age and have always been a hard laboring man. I have been a farmer all my life until a few years ago when I began carrying the U. S. mail. I have gone through the heat and cold to fulfill my obligations, and if nominated and elected, I promise to do my utmost in discharging the duties of jailer. I assure you that the county's property will receive the best of care, and the prisoners will receive as good care as conditions will permit.

I have been a life long Democrat, and a true believer in the principles of Democracy.

I hope to see all of you before the August primary, but if I should fail to see you, I would appreciate you asking someone about me that is acquainted with me. My record is clear, and I hope you will give the matter some thought before casting your vote for Morgan county's next jailer.

Thanking you in advance for any favors you may give me, I am,

Sincerely yours,

R. M. (BUD) LYKINS, Caney, Ky.

CANNEL CITY SCHOOL NOTES

Honor Roll

The honor roll students have a perfect attendance and all grades B or better.

First grade: Morris E. Sebastian, Herbert Sebastian, Edwin Elam, Mae Blankenship, Irene Williams, Charles Taylor, Magdeline Burton, Josephine Burton, and Catherine Nickell.

Third grade: Harry Dean Preston, Herbert Bach, James Waldo Elam, Dora Lee Benton and Hermann Oney.

Fourth grade: James Mitchell Burton, Otto Mae Combs, Wanda Lee Ferguson, Harriet Taylor, Anita Poston, Billie Howard and Edna Dunagan.

As the school closes for the grade this week, Miss Burton, the first grade teacher, wishes to extend her many thanks and words of appreciation to the parents for their interest and many deeds of kindness during the school year.

The debating team upholding the affirmative side of the taxation debate, lost the decision to Frenchburg last Saturday night, here. Mr. Lacy gave a critical decision and made suggestions helpful to both teams. The Cannel City team was composed of Ernest Ferguson, Beelo Patrick and Herchel Collinsworth. The Frenchburg school was ably represented by Otto Egram, Wendell BeCraft and Hagar Bach. The Cannel City team will go to Hazard this week to participate in the district tournament in debate and oratory. The debaters making the trip will be Alex Spencer, Homer Ratliff, Beelo Patrick and Herchel Collinsworth. Waldo Risner will represent the school in oratory.

We all enjoyed the chapel program given by Mr. Ratliff's room last Thursday.

Charles Dunn is absent from school because of illness.

Joan Stacy, who had been absent from school for a few days because of her mother's illness, is back in school.

Miss Nickell, Manilla and Velma Lacy and Miss Stacy spent the week end with home folks.

President's Economy Program

"When the Federal Government closed its books for the fiscal year 1932, the American people were shocked to learn that total revenues from income taxes—individual and corporate combined—did not quite cover all the costs of the Veterans' Administration services for the twelve months just ended. Incredible as it seemed, the figures were indisputable. Income tax collections for the year, as officially reported by the Secretary of the Treasury, were \$1,057,335,853, while the combined disbursements for veterans' pensions, hospitalization, disability allowances, construction, bonus payments and administrative expenses came to the neat sum of \$1,064,268,966.

"If we may assume that existing laws will not be further 'liberalized,'—to use the word of pension lobbyists in Washington,—the grand total of all outlays for World War veterans from November 1918 to the end of 1949 will come to the magnificent figure of \$835,000,000,000. Such a regiment of ciphers defies the imagination.

"Let us, therefore, try to visualize it in a way that will convey to our minds just how much money that really is. Picture a house costing \$10,000. Very well; the sum would provide 3,500,000 of them. Spaced on fifty-foot lots, they would line a street 33,143 miles long; or, to put it another way, that much money would build eleven solid rows of such houses between New York and San Francisco, without allowance for street intersections. More than one sixth of this Imaginary Bonus Boulevard is already completed.

"The job was done chiefly by the ex-service guild, a high-powered minority group which at its maximum membership in 1927 numbered considerably less than 1 per cent of the population. What is more, this group represented a minority of the veterans themselves, for it has never included as many as one fourth of the total Army and Navy enlistments between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918."—From "The Veteran Racket," by Lawrence Sullivan, in the April Atlantic Monthly.

Miss Andra McKouzie returned Friday from a week's visit at Lenox with her grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Dennis.



EX-KENTUCKIAN CITED

MRS. E. P. PFAFF

Mrs. Redwine has been presented a certificate of recognition for having reached the standard of efficiency in Christian social relations work in the First Methodist church. The certificate came from Mrs. E. P. Pfaff, director for the state. Mrs. Redwine was given special mention by Mrs. Pfaff, at the recent missionary conference held in Tallahassee, who said the social service in the Fort Myers, Florida, Methodist society led the work done in the state.

DESIGNS POSITION

Indianapolis, Indiana,
3322 North Capitol Avenue,
March 25, 1933

To the voters of the 37th Judicial District:

I have just read in the Courier Journal that the Act changing the boundaries of three Judicial Districts in Eastern Kentucky has been held unconstitutional, therefore the 37th Judicial District will be composed of the counties of Morgan, Elliott and Carter, and I will be a candidate for Circuit Judge in the district as it now exists, and will be in the district in the near future so that I may canvass same personally, but in the meantime I earnestly solicit your support in this race.

Published below you will find a letter showing that I have resigned my position with the Veterans Administration, because I have confidence that you will nominate and elect me as your Circuit Judge, I am,

Very truly yours,

LYNN B. WELLS

Veterans Administration,
Indianapolis, Indiana,
March 21, 1933.

Mr. Lynn B. Wells,
3322 North Capitol Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana,
My Dear Mr. Wells:

Your letter of March 20th, 1933 enclosing your resignation as an adjutant, Veterans Administration has been received.

Because of the satisfactory service you have rendered this office, it is regretted to learn that you intend leaving the Veterans Administration; however, it is hoped that you will succeed in your new endeavor.

Very truly yours,

JOHN H. ALE, Manager,
Indianapolis, Indiana.
(Advertisement)

RADICAL CHANGES URGED

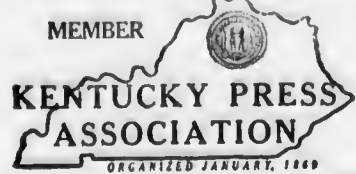
Hopkinsville, Ky., March 25.—Far-reaching changes in county government were proposed today by State Representative Denny P. Smith in an address before a mass meeting in the courthouse here. The meeting was sponsored by the Christian county Farm Bureau.

Smith, a Democrat, proposed a reduction in the number of counties from 120 to 40, making each a legislative district. He further advocated abolishing the office of commonwealth's attorney, combining the offices of sheriff, jailer and coroner, and uniting the offices of county court clerk, circuit court clerk, master commissioner and jury fund trustee under one head.

Only three county officers would be elected under his proposal, Smith said, a judge, a county attorney and a superintendent of schools. All other offices would be appointive. His plan would widen the jurisdiction of the county courts.

His proposals, Smith claimed, would save a million dollars or more for the county. He denounced the fee system of compensation and said he favored straight salaries.

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COUNTY AGENT'S COLUMN

Small Fruit Troubles

Following suggestions made in a new four-page leaflet of the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, would tend to eliminate the need of spraying strawberries, raspberries and blackberries. Crownborer, leaf roller, white grubs, leaf-spot and scorch of strawberries and pests and diseases of other berries are discussed. Ask county agents or write to the College for leaflet No. 14, "Insect and Disease Control for Small Fruits." Another leaflet gives a spray schedule for cherries that is simple and easy to follow. Ask for leaflet No. 13, "Cherry Spray Schedule."

Value of Good Cow

Stressing the importance of milking only good producing cows, Ted Besh, a field agent in dairying for the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, recently told about a farmer who received only \$32 above feed cost for the total butterfat production of five cows for a year, while one cow of the same age in his herd returned \$42 worth of butterfat above feed cost.

The good cow produced 382 pounds of butterfat at a feed cost of 10 cents per pound of butterfat, while the five cows produced a total of only \$15 pounds of butterfat, at a feed cost of 18½ cents a pound.

The one cow averaged 23 pounds of milk daily for 300 days, while the five cows, had they been able to milk 300 days, would have averaged 9 pounds of milk apiece a day. One of them milked 31 pounds a day soon after freshening, but she went dry in 6 months.

It is practically impossible for the five low producing cows to return a profit, Mr. Besh observed. Yet some farmers have been heard to say that beef prices are so low that they cannot afford to sell their poor producing cows, and at the same time such cows are losing them money.

The figures cited by Mr. Besh are actual records of a member of a dairy herd improvement association in Kentucky.

Home-made Relief

Twelve home-made relief measures or adjustments are suggested in farm management notes, prepared by the farm economics department of the College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, and distributed by county agents to farmers.

Produce an adequate supply of products for home use. Grow a better garden, butcher more stock, and use more dairy and poultry products.

Grow more stock feed. Legumes and better pastures are more important than ever before.

Use only the better land for crops. Present prices do not warrant using labor and equipment on low producing acres. Use fertilizer on good land.

Use good seed. Good seed is cheap and is but a small part of the cost of producing crops.

Keep higher producing livestock. Livestock and livestock products can be produced at a lower cost per unit from good producers.

Plan carefully and do more home repair work. Buildings, fences, machinery and other equipment should be repaired with farm labor.

Sell more farm products directly to consumers. There may be more income for marketing than for producing the product.

Use care in buying farm supplies and going into debt. Plans for paying a debt should be made before borrowing.

Control livestock diseases. Better care of stock and the use of sanitary methods are always important but more important when prices are low.

Conserve cash. Expenditures for family living should be considered judiciously, as well as the farm expenditures.

Keep study and use records of the farm business.

Study outlook reports for changes in marketing conditions.

Kuhnley Farm Radio Program

The College of Agriculture will broadcast the following farm radio program from the University of Kentucky extension studios of WHAS the week of April 3. Each program will begin at 12:45 central standard time.

Apr. 3.—Engineering on the farm, E. G. Welch; Ventilation in tobacco barns, R. A. Hunt.

Apr. 4.—Poultry pointers for April, W. M. Husko, Jr.; What the chemist finds in milk, H. B. Morrison.

Apr. 5.—Playlet, "Country Cousins," Hill Club Department.

Apr. 6.—Apple seed and its control, W. D. Vallent; Controlling farm expenses, W. D. Nicholls.

Apr. 7.—What farm folks are asking, L. C. Brewer.

Early Greens

Among the first things to go into the garden are greens: mustard, smooth spring kale and spinach.

For greens, the soil should be extremely rich in nitrogen; it may be made so with a generous dressing of manure. Chicken manure is especially valuable. Even though heavy manuring is done, it is of advantage to sow nitrate of soda along the rows, at the rate of 1 pound to 300 feet, taking care not to have the nitrate actually touching the plants. The nitrate should be either plowed under or worked in with a disk or a hoe, in preparing the seedbed, but the nitrate application should not be made until growth has definitely started.

Two ways to sow seed offer, one is to broadcast it, but better is to sow it in drills, so that spraying for insect pests may be more conveniently done. The seed should be dropped, 4 to the inch, in drills as close as 12 inches, and, because these greens are short-season crops, the rows should be located between the vegetables that stay in the garden a longer time, but do not need their full space until after the greens have come out. Examples are: between rows of cabbage, parsnips, beans and even tomatoes. Arranging crops "conquilon" fashion, incidentally, works.

Cultivation.—Even though the conservation of moisture is not so important in growing the short-season, "cool" greens, as it is as well to "work" them in the same way as for the later crops. This is, to stir just the top half-inch of soil, for this is enough to discourage weeds, the only function cultivation serves. The soil should at all times be kept level. Wheel hoes and "garden plows" that have among their attachments weed knives or scuffle hoes, merely blades so fixed as to skim the surface, are admirably adapted, though an ordinary hoe, the blade held almost flat with the ground answers equally well.

Pests.—Most common are the flea beetle and the cutworm. The flea beetle bug has been troublesome, especially on mustard and kale. Both are sucking insects and their control is spraying with tobacco solution, though this is true of the flea beetle bug only in its immature, soft-bodied stages. The only practical way to control the adults is to handpick them. If this is done early in the morning, and begun early in the season before much multiplication has taken place, handpicking is not so laborious as it might seem.

Sometimes the black flea beetle plays havoc with the young seedlings. Control is to spray with Bordeaux mixture, but this method is recommended only before edible leaves have formed, or certainly early enough for the spray to have washed off before harvesting is done. Flea beetle injury is not serious much after the cotyledon stage of seedlings, generally.

The cabbage worm occasionally spreads to the greens. The control would be to spray with an arsenical, but inasmuch as enough poison might remain on the leaves to be dangerous, the best thing to do is to salvage what the worms leave, and, as soon as the row is done, turn under everything so that no breeding place is offered for the worm to multiply.

Varieties.—Varieties are Fordhook and Southern Giant mustard; Dwarf Essex rape, and King of Denmark and Bloomsdale Savoy spinach.

Watch Posture

Not one woman among fifty carries her anatomical frame as it should be carried. The universal association of beauty quaters specializes on hair and complexion, thinks nothing at all about posture. Eye shadows intrigue the members, a new shade of powder sends them into a state of twittering ecstasy, chatter about lacquered wigs sets their pulses thumping. Yet unless a woman walks like a queen she can never claim an appearance of distinction.—Exchange.

Lake 1,000 Feet Deep

Anything sinking to the bottom of Lake Superior really goes down, for at its deepest point the lake is 1,009 feet deep, a depth which is 400 feet below sea level. The total area of the lake is greater than the area of South Carolina.

People's Column

WANT INFORMATION

Dear People's Column:

Citizens from all parts of Morgan county in mass meeting at the court house on Monday again called on the Fiscal Court for information as to the financial condition of Morgan county.

Our circuit judge does not seem to have any interest in the matter or if he does has no inclination to have the act requiring publicity complied with. It was charged openly by persons who have at least some knowledge of county financial affairs that we are indebted to the tune of between \$300,000 and \$500,000.

Now, how are we to pay such an indebtedness? Fact is we are continually increasing it. We want to see and have a right to know, what it is. It is some one's duty to bring it forth. Perhaps Judge Cochran can get this information and publish it. CITIZEN

ABOUT WHITTILING

Dear People's Column:

Our ideas heartily concur with those of your previous writers. The salaries of our county officials could be cut a large percent and still leave them a good compensation for actual service performed. Also, we are paying "appointees" to office around our county seat (as I see it) that are practically worthless to the greater percent of the economy of our county. Some of our sister counties are paying their county judge 50 percent of what we pay ours; also pay him a reasonable compensation for road engineer, county superintendent \$1,000 a year with no assistant. No county doctor or nurse. We support transient officers that never sees inside the schoolhouses (I know where I speak), county agent (I hear we have one, whom I have never met), that are practically worthless to our taxpayers.

All our counties compose our state, which seems to be in a terrible "mess." Also it takes 48 states to compose our American government which has been in a state of distress for the past two years. We have hope of relief in the near future. It has been suggested that they "whittle" on governmental expenses and it seems they are about to do it, but it appears to my mind, they are about to whittle on the small end, to wit: the soldier boys pensions, the boys who were dragged from their homes to undergo the severe drilling, to face the stormy seas, thence to be drove to the trenches filled with mud, water and "cottons," to face shot and shrapnel and machine gun fire and cleanse for the mere pittance of \$30 a month, while the high officials received their thousands. There are thousands of soldiers drawing \$12 to \$15 per month with large families to support, with meager means to provide for them outside of their pensions, with no job, no ready cash on hand, and all of them disabled more or less from the effects of "actual service."

Some think they will be cut out entirely, but we have more confidence than that in the man at the wheel. Let him begin whittling at the other end where there is some timber to whittle on. COW BOY

STACY FORK

March 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Emil Nickel and children, of Ohio, are visiting relatives at this place, this week.

Monie Adams attended the burial of Mrs. Noah McGuire, of White Oak, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Gevedon spent the week end at Grassy.

Sam Hane and daughters, Revu and Treva, and Olivet Ferguson, of Grassy, spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Tennie Gevedon.

Charles Dunn, who had his finger shot off, is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Holliday and Christine Ferguson spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roe Ferguson, near West Liberty.

Tom Stacy is confined to his room with rheumatism.

Mrs. Summie Elam, of Panama, and Mrs. Kelly Stacy were the Friday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stacy.

V. T. Stacy made a business trip to Canaan City Sunday.

Mrs. H. C. Conbs celebrated her 68th birthday Saturday, March 25, by inviting her children in to spend the day. A fine dinner was served and all enjoyed the day.

Miss Dell Stacy, of this place, and Cecil Holliday, of Malone, surprised their friends Thursday night by getting married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Stacy, Pierce Steele officiating. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Holliday, of Malone. The writer joins in wishing them a happy wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McGuire, of White Oak, were visiting at this place Sunday.

Best wishes to the Courier. BOBBY

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Courier is authorized to announce the following persons as candidates in the Democratic primary on August 5, 1933:

For Circuit Judge (37th District) (Carter, Elliott and Morgan Counties)

W. M. GARDNER
of West Liberty
LYNN B. WELLS
of West Liberty

For Circuit Court Clerk

J. D. LYKINS
of West Liberty
H. C. FRANKLIN
of Wells

State Senator (34 district)

ERVINE TURNER
of Jackson

For Representative (100th District)

OLIVER B. (TICK) ARNETT
of West Liberty
C. C. MAY
of Woodland

For County Judge

REV. J. W. DIXON
of Omer

For County Court Clerk

E. M. WILLIAMS
of West Liberty

For Sheriff

S. H. LYKINS
of Malone
W. H. STACY
of West Liberty

For Jailor

G. W. BLANTON
of Relief

SANFORD B. HAMILTON

of West Liberty
H. R. VANCE
of Maytown

A. L. PATRICK

of Caney
D. B. LACY
of West Liberty

J. MACE CANTRELL
of West Liberty

R. M. (BUD) LYKINS
of Caney

For Magistrate (2nd District)

W. S. McKINNEY
of Elder
J. B. WELLS
of Licking River

For Magistrate (4th District)

L. H. SKAGGS
of Elk Fork
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of Elamton

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MIZE

March 27.—Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Ridd and little daughter Elizabeth, of Grassy Creek, spent from Saturday until Monday with Mrs. Ridd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Havens.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ratliff spent a few days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Ridd.

J. A. Oldfield spent the most of this week in Cincinnati, Ohio, on business. Miss Ida Havens, who had spent the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Ova McGuire at Bonny, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. May and Mr. and Mrs. Fred May spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Ingram at Maytown.

Miss Mabel Gibson, of New Chamber is spending a few days with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Havens. Mary Ross, of Frenchburg, spent a few hours Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arles Barker. Mrs. Ova McGuire, of Bonny, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Havens.

DINGUS

March 20.—Rev. A. C. Bradley and Rev. W. J. Beetholder left Sunday March 12, for Soldier, Carter county, to hold a series of meetings. They were accompanied by E. D. and P. A. Bradley, who will visit their brothers, James and J. W. Bradley, at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams, of Cincinnati, O., came in to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Williams, for a while.

Born, to the wife of Ray Jennings, March 17th, a fine girl.

Born, to the wife of Ora Bolin, fine girl—Loma Mae.

Rollie Cox, of Ashland, who has been spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Cox, was called back to his work at Ashland, Monday.

Herbert Elam has moved from Logville to the T. W. Smith place near here.

Road working seems to be the leading work. We hope to have good roads soon. NELL

STRIPPINGS

FROM THE COW BARN

BY HANK THE HIRED MAN



sez paw few maw et the brekfust table las weke. John writes from chiego that he's tuk for pay cuts en now the banks iz all klosed en they alat got no munnay tew by groceries. kaint we send him a little?

how kin we send him eny -sew paw - alnt the banks klosed here tew? well -sez maw - I thot yew mite hev a little hotted up sunnawhers.

tot me -sez paw - I alnt on a ny them horders, theus the guys alnt lawsed at this trouble, ef I hed my way - sezze - I'd serch them hoves en confiscate every sent en use ef for them thet needs et.

I'm glad yew sed thet -sed maw - sez maw - I townd alowt 80 dollars hid in yer trunk in the attic en I sent half tew John. I thot we knd use thea rest tew did as over, I waz afriad et mite be yers -sez maw - en yew mite not be et, but et coudn't be, end et -sez sho -kawse yew wudn't hord.

I thot paws face wuz gold tew bust, it got so purple, he stammered en stutered but finly fizeded out without sayin nuthin.

never min -sez maw, snuln et both ny us - I'll hev sum left when thea banks open up en we'll put et in the bank. heers en family thet still heeves in are knutry's fatcher, HANK.

Read the Courier for home news.



Recipes for Easter

I'll bet you'll like this year's Easter. It comes so late that you'll be doubly glad to welcome the old year with a little feasting. So here are a couple of recipes for the beginning and end of an Easter luncheon which will make this festive doubly welcome to your friends.

For a Fancy Lunch

Orange Flower Appetizer: Cut skin from large seedless oranges and eat out the sections without leaving a particle of white fibre. Drain the contents of a can of green gage plums, remove stones and stuff centers with cream cheese. Have everything very cold. Arrange orange sections on crystal plates in flower shape, and place stuffed plums in the center of each.

Light Sherbert: Drain the sections from a No. 2 can, and to the syrup add one tablespoon corn syrup and twelve marshmallows, and steam in a double boiler until the marshmallows are dissolved. Cool, add the apricots pressed through a sieve and one tablespoon lemon juice. Pour into a 7-8-ounce tray, and stir occasionally until it begins to freeze. Then fold in two egg whites beaten stiff with two tablespoons sugar, and continue freezing stirring low and then to prevent the formation of crystals. Serve on pieces of angel food cake. Serves six. The mixture may be tinted a deeper yellow according to your color scheme.

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USE KERR'S PERFECTION FLOUR

Muck Cooper is employed near Itty-alton, on the new road being built. His wife and baby will join him the last of the week.

Sam May discharged his last prisoner Friday and went to White Oak for a few days rest. However, before his wife could get off, the sheriff arrived with two more prisoners and Mr. May returned to his duties Sunday.

Friendly Prices



Fruits	
Bananas, dozen	25c
Oranges, dozen	19c
Apples, 6 lb. for	25c
Turnips, lb.	2c
Parsnips, 3 lb. for	10c
Tomatoes, lb.	15c

Groceries	
Salad Dressing, large	28c
Best Yet Coffee, lb.	20c
Peanut Butter, lb. jar	10c
Peanut Butter, 2 lb. jar	20c
Toilet Soap, 3 cakes	10c

Meat	
Steak, lb.	20c
Cheese, lb.	20c
Pork Chops, lb.	17 1/2c
Fresh Ham, sliced, lb.	17 1/2c
Creamery Butter, lb.	30c
Breakfast Bacon, sliced	20c

Home Meat Market
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West Liberty - Kentucky

Read the Courier for home news.

Ed Williams and son Curtis, of Dingus, visited at D. M. Rowland's of the Commercial Inn, yesterday.

Mrs. G. W. Leslie, who had been in Lexington with her daughter is at home in Cannel City for a few weeks.

EZEL.

Harold Rose and Homer Davis, who are attending Lee's College at Jackson, are at home spending the spring vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Rose and Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Davis.

Mrs. Dora Henry is confined to her bed, having some trouble with her lungs.

The all day working given by the men of the community and the boys from the 7th grade and up in school, last Friday was a success. Rock was hauled and beaten up to make a better driveway in the alley from the Garrett highway to the church. A rock slide walk is also being laid along the alley. It was not completed on that day and another work day was set for Wednesday, March 29th, to finish the job. Dinner was served in the basement of the school by the women of the community.

H. H. Howard has been quite sick, but is able to be up in his room again.

The cottage prayer meetings are being held this week in the homes of Louie Hill, with Rev. Hay M. Davis as leader, J. E. Rose, with Miss Ruth Bonnis as leader, Elie McGuire, with Mrs. Dillard Murphy as leader and J. M. Dennis with Miss Kate Sennan leader. They were well attended last week with a total of 60 persons present.

W. H. Dennis went to Morehead Sunday.

Misses Marjorie Enright and Mahel Davis entertained for dinner Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Carr the following from Mt. Sterling: Misses Kathryn Brown and Gates Toome, Messrs Robert Osborn, Jimmie Babb and Ewell Shroat.

Personal

Claud Whitl, of Wrigley, was a business visitor at the Courier office on Monday.

Misses Christine and Anna Perry visited home folks at Dehart over the week end.

Mrs. Math Lewis and Mrs. Fugate of Licking River called on Mrs. Olie Blair Monday.

There was a large attendance at the church service in the Baptist church Sunday evening.

T. G. Henry and J. M. Rowland, of Nunda, were among the visitors to the county seat Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Carter and children, of Winchester, spent the week end here with relatives.

Mrs. I. S. Williams, of Malone, spent from Saturday until Monday with her brother, W. W. McGuire.

Hamblin Frisby and Woodrow Barber, students of the Morehead Normal, were in town Saturday.

Miss Margaret M. Frong accompanied Miss Pearl Barber to her parents home at Dehart over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryant, of Dehart, visited Monday and Tuesday with their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. F. Ford.

Mrs. Kathleen Leffer and Miss Ora Northcutt visited Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mack at Fremburg.

The Epworth League is preparing an Easter program to be given at the regular church hour on the evening of Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Harold Rowland and daughter Gene, of Dingus, visited with Mrs. Rowland's parents at the Commercial Inn over the week end.

W. H. Childers was in Mt. Sterling Tuesday and returned with a refrigerator, which Will Wells is installing for him in his restaurant.

Drexel Moore has returned to his work at Jackson after spending several days with his family at Paintsville and parents at West Liberty.

Mrs. Lavice Jane Whiteaker, of North Broadway street, is able to get on these fine days and superintend the making of her early garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gevedon, east of town, lost one of their twin babies, about one year old, last Thursday and was laid to rest in the Grassy Lick cemetery Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Blair and little daughter, Letha Nell, and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Brown and children, all of Morehead, visited Sunday with Mr. Blair's parents and found his mother improving a very little.

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The near relatives who attended the funeral of Mrs. Mattie Oakley, March 24, 1933, were: The daughter, Mrs. Fred C. Schreiner, New Britain; the son, Dr. W. J. Oakley, and family, Bardonia; her sisters, Mrs. W. W. McClure, New Albany, Ind.; Mrs. C. S. Jackson, Louisville, and son, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Carter, Louisville; and Mrs. O. M. Oakley, Louisville; and son Dr. Fred Oakley, Taylorsville; her brother Joe W. Perry and son Ray Perry and wife, Morehead; her cousin, Miss Olive Day, Morehead.

Last week was cold and rainy, but these spring days are putting pep into both old and young. Fields are being plowed; strips of canvas stretched here and there indicate the location of tomatoes and lettuce beds; onions and other early garden is being planted; late pruning of trees and shrubbery is in progress; yards are being cleaned. Even the students have the spring fever and the picnic season was opened by the First Aid class under Miss Young as they happily lunched to a secluded spot for lunch. Prof. Evert Nickell took his geography class out in cars. The baseball team, already organized, is having full time practice.

Mr. Adams, of Lenox, was in town yesterday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKeezie, Thursday, March 23, 1933, a 10

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Williams, Wednesday, March 29, 1933, a girl.

Bernard and Henry Stacy and Russell Hale and Miss Ella Fairchild are home this week on a vacation.

Rev. and Mrs. Oliver Wilson and Willie Lewis, of Blaze, were calling on their sister, Mrs. Olie Blair, Monday.

William and Ella Ruth Childers spent the week end at Mariba with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Day.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Moore at the Paintsville Hospital March 19th, a nine pound baby boy—Drexel Moore II.

Miss Irene Barber, a senior student in the Morehead Normal, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Barber, at Dehart, over the week end.

John Reading, Assistant State Examiner, was in town Monday on Tuesday, going over the books of county officers and magistrates.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Dandel at little daughter, of Memphis, Tennessee, came in Sunday to visit their grandfather, W. W. McGuire, who is seriously ill. At this writing, Mr. McGuire is thought to be a very little better.

The cottage prayer meetings, which imparted so much inspiration to all who attended, will probably soon be continued. The series of meetings held by Rev. Curt Walters of Middletown, O., and Rev. Jim Wiseman of Winchester were attended by large crowds. There was so much interest, good order and fine cooperation of the people. The ministers of this and the surrounding communities joined heartily in the services. The meeting will long be remembered for what it has meant to the people who attended. Three candidates were baptized last Monday.

ACT IN FLOOD EMERGENCY

Newport, Ky.—When murky waters of the Ohio and Licking rivers inundated 35 square miles of residence in this city on Sunday, March 19, forcing 1,500 families to leave their homes, members of James Wallace Costigan Post No. 11, American Legion, went into immediate action and by their services, upheld the organization's pledge, "In Time of Disaster—The American Legion."

The Legionnaires, with friends and members of their families were enjoying an evening of entertainment at their spacious home, Sixth and Orchard streets, when the first call for aid and assistance was sounded on Sunday night. Immediately, 65 men were rushed into the flooded area. At dawn, five trucks, manned by Legionnaires, were in operation in the flood area carrying out families, while the first boat details were huddled by other members of the post.

Simultaneously with the call for aid, the Legionnaires converted their home into a headquarters for administering relief, with soup kitchen on the first floor and housing accommodations on second floor, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary looking after the women and Legionnaires taking care of the men.

Throughout Sunday more than 1,000 persons were fed, while lodging was provided for more than 300 that night. On Monday more than 1,200 meals were served and the home ready to house the destitute for the night again, this relief service to continue until the emergency is over.

MAY QUEEN AT MIDWAY

The Woman's Club of Midway is giving a pageant of the Chronological History of Midway. The May Day program of the Kentucky Female Christian School is to be given in connection with it. The pageant will be given on the afternoon of May 11 on the school campus.

The music will be provided by a band and a chorus of one hundred voices.

The Senior Class and faculty of the school selected Miss Highland Mary Heaton as their May Queen. Miss Edith Boyd Heaton, Prince Charming and Miss Carroll Stubblefield, Maid of Honor. The Misses Heaton are from Mt. Sterling and Miss Stubblefield makes her home with her sister in Ittemond, Kentucky.

Friends from all parts of the State are expected to visit Midway and the school on this afternoon. It will be a reunion for many old classmates of former years.

The Catch

The Fisherman's Child (as big sister introduces her latest boy friend to the family circle)—Oh, daddy, don't you think she ought to throw that one back?—Sydney Bulletin.

TIME TO FISH

News dispatches are full of statements to the effect that business is going on as usual, that everybody is feeling jolly because the depression is past and that another era of spending is just around the corner.

This is the sort of news which experienced editors classify as "hopeful, if true." If it were true it would not have to be published, for everybody would know it. As a matter of fact it is not true, and the Pathfinder is not going to be among those who kid the people and try to make them think that their troubles are all over.

We who know what the actual conditions are which exist among the farmers and the workers in the small industries know full well that there is a lot of hard going before either these classes of the big business interests will be on Easy Street. The Pathfinder travel editor has just come in from an investigating trip in the rural and small town districts, and that is his verdict.

Understand—the Pathfinder is not pessimistic or blue. On the contrary, we see a way out of the woods; we are inspired by new confidence, and we can see great things ahead. But we are not going to announce that we are there yet.

In times of stress like these we can well go back to the examples of such men as Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln. When Jefferson found the price of an article too high in the market, he brought his own factory to bear, and he got up many little inventions and useful devices. He depended on himself and his own efforts; you never heard of him growling at conditions or sitting idle, and waiting for somebody else to help him.

Lincoln was the same type. He wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth either. About everything he had about everything he did, was the result of his own initiative and painful effort. It takes our colleges four years to turn out a surveyor, but Lincoln made himself a surveyor in six weeks by his own studies. He even learned to use "cleverness," as well as to split logs. When Lincoln needed a new yoke for his ox team, he made it himself. No university can claim that it ever gave Lincoln a "degree," but the University of Illinois is proud of that ox-yoke which Lincoln made. What a grand lesson that ox-yoke teaches to all of us who are willing to learn!

Ox teams are still used in the back districts in many parts of this country, as well as other countries. There is nothing quite equal to a steady old ox team for pulling you out of the hole—and it's a hole this country is now in. Drivers of oxen control them by simply talking to them. They know better than to beat their oxen; they use gentle words, and coax them to do their best.

And that again is what we all need right now. There's a lot of good stuff in us, but we need encouraging words; we have kicked against the pricks far too long.

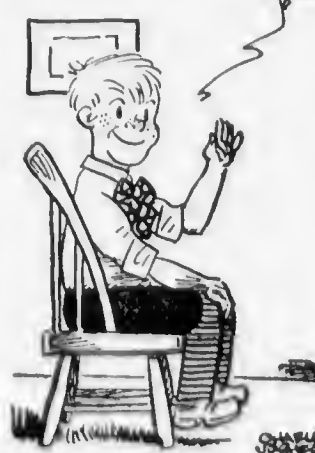
An ox team gives a strong, steady pull; they throw their weight into the yoke, and along comes the load jerking won't do it. Some people, who don't know ox nature (or human nature) think that this country can be jerked out of the hole by a series of jerks. Not so.

Steady! It's a long pull and a strong pull and a pull all together! The load is moving—but we must all keep pushing. If you catch any of those big-bugs riding, knock 'em off! This is no time for anybody to ride—there ever was such a time.—Pathfinder.

Religious Books Lead
More books on religious subjects are published in the United States every year than those in any other branch of literature, except fiction.

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Our Government —How It Operates

By William Bruckert

CLEARING HOUSE FOR FACTS AND FIGURES

THE Department of Commerce actually is a national clearing house for facts and figures, and if one judge from the demands upon it, commerce and industry of the nation are fully aware of its possibilities, and make the fullest use of its facilities and its services.

It has been demonstrated how the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce gathers its information, but that is only half of the story. Those facts are worse than useless unless they are available, and quickly so, to those who have use for them.

Dissemination of facts is never easy. Ask the advertising manager of any store or manufacturing establishment! So the department has slowly built up what this same advertising manager would describe as complete coverage. To accomplish this end, the mails, the newspapers, the radio, all are employed. The bureau publishes a weekly magazine, known as Commerce Reports, and hundreds of other documents and periodicals. Even then, it has some difficulty in getting all of the vast store of facts thoroughly distributed.

In order to gain the fullest use of newspaper space—no begging is necessary, for business news in these days is as likely to find a place on the front page as is a police scandal—the bureau's staff sees to it that the latest cable and radio messages are made available to the newspaper correspondents in Washington. The facts that are of immediate interest are made public as quickly as it is humanly possible to do so. The correspondents, trained to recognize what is of value from a news standpoint, do the rest.

Let us examine one day's gist of those press releases:

The number of automobiles owned throughout the world, a world census; an expert analysis of a section of the new revenue act; a summary of reports from trade commissions in every South and Central American country, showing economic conditions there; statistics on Canadian gold production; a cable from Vienna that the Austrian national bank had suspended all sales of foreign exchange temporarily; trade figures from Greece, Hungary, Turkey and Rumania, for the last month; radio messages that Great Britain would require marks of the country of origin on imports of rubber footwear and certain iron and steel products; official notice that the Polish government had established bonded zones within customs territory, permitting manufacture or storage of foreign goods therein; cables announcing that France had reduced and that Italy had increased the amount of foreign wheat permitted to be used in domestic milling in those countries; compilations of credit conditions and data concerning collections in a dozen nations; a detailed analysis of Netherlands India tire market; statistics indicating the potentialities of the Canadian market for shoes; and a discussion of the production and distribution of electricity in northern France.

Even a casual reading of that list will reveal what widespread interest the department's Pandora's box of facts can develop. How important it is for exporters of wheat to know that France will use a little more, that Italy will use a little less, than heretofore, and how necessary it is for the producer of rubber footwear and the other enumerated products to know before the next order is sent to the seaboard that the articles must bear the name of the country of origin or they will not be admitted through the British customs houses! And from the reports on credit and collection conditions, every exporting agent can glean what may prove to his firm to be the difference between profit and loss.

It is quite obvious that no single day's reports at the department are going to be of interest to every line of trade in this farflung nation of varied commercial effort. It is equally obvious, however, to those of us whose function is that of observers of government operations, that there are valuable facts for every line within very brief periods of time.

There has been much comment during the last year or so, especially in congress, that the government was spending too much money in the type of work that shows no direct return to the treasury, such for example as that which has just been outlined. One group has maintained steadfastly that such expenses ought to be eliminated entirely, while another school of thought argued against that course. The later maintained that those expenses could be reduced in accordance with other reductions in the cost of government, but that the function should be continued.

I find myself aligned with the latter whose argument is that by promoting trade the whole country takes, assuming that conditions are normal or near normal. When the country is doing business, it is producing wealth and when wealth is produced, men have income which the government can and does tax. So in the end, aid by the government in this direction appears to result in a net increase to the treasury in its receipt receipts.

